

Claims:

1. A powder composition comprising at least one component selected from the group consisting of perfumes, coloring agents and functional substances, trehalose and water-soluble hemicellulose.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the water-soluble hemicellulose is water-soluble hemicellulose derived from a soybean cotyledon.
3. The composition of claim 2 wherein the water-soluble hemicellulose is produced by subjecting a soybean cotyledon to heat extraction in an acidic region.
4. The composition of claim 1 wherein the water-soluble hemicellulose has an average molecular weight in the range of about 50,000 to about 1,000,000.
5. The composition of claim 1 wherein the trehalose is present in an amount of 5 to 90% by weight based on the total weight of the powder composition.
6. The composition of claim 5 wherein the trehalose is present in an amount of 40 to 80% by weight based on the total weight of the powder composition.
7. The composition of claim 1 wherein the water-soluble hemicellulose is present in an amount of 1 to 80% by weight based on the total weight of the powder composition.
8. The composition of claim 7 wherein the water-soluble hemicellulose is present in an amount of 10 to 40% by weight based on the total weight of the powder composition.
9. The composition of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of trehalose to water-soluble hemicellulose is in the range of 50:1 to 1:50.
10. The composition of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of trehalose to water-soluble hemicellulose is in the range of 8:1 to 1:1.
11. A method for preparing the powder composition of claim

1 which comprises drying an aqueous emulsion containing at least one component selected from the group consisting of perfumes, coloring agents and functional substances, trehalose and water-soluble hemicellulose.

12. A drink or food containing the composition of claim 1.
13. A cosmetic containing the composition of claim 1.

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